

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A seating system comprising one or more seating units, each seating unit comprising:

a seat portion; and

left and right stanchions attached to the seat portion on left and right sides of the seat portion, each stanchion including

a bottom member having a first end adapted to be secured to a surface and a second end, wherein the surface supports the seating system, and

a second member having a first end adapted to be secured to the second end of the bottom member at any one of a plurality of different angular relationships;

wherein the seating system comprises a boss and a fastener, and wherein the seat portion is connected to the second end of the bottom member and the first end of the second member via the boss and via the fastener passing through the second end of the bottom member, the first end of the second member, and the boss.

2. (Original) The seating system of claim 1, wherein, for each stanchion, the second end of the bottom member includes a first hub and the first end of the second member includes a second hub, the first hub having one of protrusions and recesses and the second hub having the other one of protrusions and recesses adapted to mate with the one of the protrusions and recesses on the first hub at different relative

angular relationships between the first hub and the second hub such that the bottom member and the second member can be secured at the different angular relationships.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The seating system as set forth in claim 2,~~

A seating system comprising one or more seating units, each seating unit comprising:

a seat portion; and

left and right stanchions attached to the seat portion on left and right sides of the seat portion, each stanchion including

a bottom member having a first end adapted to be secured to a surface and a second end, wherein the surface supports the seating system, and

a second member having a first end adapted to be secured to the second end of the bottom member at any one of a plurality of different angular relationships;

wherein, for each stanchion, the second end of the bottom member includes a first hub and the first end of the second member includes a second hub, the first hub having one of protrusions and recesses and the second hub having the other one of protrusions and recesses adapted to mate with the one of the protrusions and recesses on the first hub at different relative angular relationships between the first hub and the second hub such that the bottom member and the second member can be secured at the different angular relationships; and

wherein the bottom member and the second member are secured relative to each other by a fastener extending through the first hub and the second hub.

4. (Original) The seating system of claim 1, wherein the bottom member and the second member of the left stanchion are identical to the bottom member and the second member of the right stanchion.

5. (Original) The seating system of claim 1, wherein the bottom member is adapted to be secured at one of a plurality of angular positions between 90° and 180° relative to the second member.

6. (Original) The seating system of claim 1, wherein at least one of the left and right stanchions for one seating unit of the seating system form at least one of a right and left stanchion, respectively, for another seating unit adjacent the one seating unit.

7-10 (Canceled)

11. (New) The seating system of Claim 2, wherein the bottom member and the second member can be fixed relative to each other in any one of the different angular relationships.

12. (New) The seating system of Claim 3, wherein the bottom member and the second member can be fixed relative to each other in any one of the different angular relationships.